

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 CAIRO 11351 222113Z  
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SOE-02 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00  
COME-00 DODE-00 EB-08 DOE-15 H-01 INR-10 INT-05  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OMB-01 PM-05 ICA-11 OES-07  
SP-02 SS-15 STR-07 TRSE-00 ACDA-12 PA-01 /127 W  
-----023924 240233Z /62

R 211515Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8254  
INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 11351

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG  
SUBJ: NEPTUNE ANNUAL REPORT  
REF: TEL AVIV 5237

1. SEVERAL NEWS CORRESPONDENTS HAVE CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO REPORT IN RECENT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER THEY CALLED "OILGRAM" (PRESUMABLY PLATTS' OILGRAM). ARTICLE THEREIN MENTIONS THAT ANNUAL REPORT OF INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANY NOTES IT HAS "OPTION TO BUY SHARES IN NEPTUNE" BECAUSE IT HAD PUT UP MOST OF COSTS OF EXPLORATION IN GULF OF SUEZ. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, COMPANY IS IDENTIFIED AS "CANADIAN" SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY. SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS HAVE INDICATED, AS MENTIONED REFTTEL, THAT COMPANY IN QUESTION REALLY IS SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY OF HOUSTON. WE HAVE NOT SEEN "OILGRAM" ISSUE MENTIONED.

2. IT HAS BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN CAIRO OIL COMMUNITY THAT EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM COMPANY CHAIRMAN LEITHY RECENTLY CALLED IN CANADIAN SUPERIOR MANAGER IN CAIRO TO ASK WHAT TRUTH THERE IS IN PUBLISHED INFORMATION. (CANADIAN SUPERIOR HAS ONSHORE CONCESSION IN THE HURGHADA  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 CAIRO 11351 222113Z

REGION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASAMERA OIL COMPANY, WHICH IS ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND, A CANADIAN FIRM.) CANADIAN SUPERIOR MANAGER REPORTEDLY SAID HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE, CANADIAN EMBASSY TOLD US APRIL 21 THAT HIGH-LEVEL CANADIAN SUPERIOR OFFICIALS

HAVE JUST COMPLETED SPECIAL VISIT TO EGYPT TO MEET WITH EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM OFFICIALS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE REACTION THAT DISCLOSURE OF SUPERIOR'S DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO NEPTUNE HAS CAUSED. CANADIAN SUPERIOR OFFICIALS ALSO REPORTEDLY RECENTLY HELD TALKS WITH DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING CANADIAN EMBASSY, BOTH EGYPTIANS AND CANADIAN SUPERIOR REPS HAVE AGREED TO KEEP SUBJECT OUT OF PRESS. (SUPERIOR OIL OF HOUSTON OWNS, ACCORDING CANADIAN EMBASSY, 48 PER CENT SHARE IN CANADIAN SUPERIOR.)

4. WE HAVE HAD NO REPEAT NO INQUIRIES AS YET FROM EGPC OR MFA REGARDING INVOLVEMENT OF SUPERIOR OIL COMPANY WITH NEPTUNE BUT OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT AS INFORMATION BECOMES MORE WIDELY KNOWN, THEY CAN BE EXPECTED. WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE GUIDANCE ON REPLIES TO QUERIES REGARDING SUPERIOR'S INVOLVEMENT WITH NEPTUNE. EILTS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, ANNUAL REPORTS, EXPLORATORY DRILLING, MILITARY OCCUPIED AREAS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978CAIRO11351  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780173-1295  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** CAIRO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780433/aaaabbab.tel  
**Line Count:** 79  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 5126efa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 TEL AVIV 5237  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15 jun 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2896856  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NEPTUNE ANNUAL REPORT  
**TAGS:** ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG, SUPERIOR OIL CO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/5126efa9-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014